Jerry Chmielewski

Job: Chairperson of the department of biology and professor of biology. As chairperson I direct all the activities of the department. As a professor of biology I most commonly teach sections of 'General Botany,' 'Biometry,' 'Field Botany,' and 'Senior Seminar.'

Joined University: August 1990.

Background: I have a doctorate in biology from the University of Waterloo and was a post-doctoral fellow at both the University of Calgary and University of Waterloo prior to arriving at SRU.

Interests: In no particular order – communing with nature, hiking, canoeing, kayaking, sailing, snorkeling, cross country skiing, woodworking, nature photography, home renovation, botanizing, and spending time in Alpine and Arctic environments.

Last book read: “Black Like Me” by John Howard Griffin.

Why I work at The Rock: I consider myself fortunate to work at an institution like Slippery Rock University where options can guide actions. In addition to the obvious interaction between faculty and students in lectures and laboratories, where we are encouraged to challenge our students to prepare them for the future, there is the potential for embarking on international course experiences whether in a formal or informal setting, or collaborating in research endeavors with students or colleagues.